

Concord June 16th /44.

My dear Mrs Chapman.

At our Convention last week

it was voted to celebrate the 1st of August in this place this
Season. We are anxious to have a great gathering. We are
going to try to procure a Miller tent and have a dinner therein.
We are to have 25 cts per ticket for the dinner the profits to go to
the National and State Anti Slavery Societies - I write to see
whether you will not be present, and Boston friends generally.
You know we shall have our rail road in full operation long before
that time, and the ride from Boston to Concord will be a mere
nothing. What is to see Phillips and Garrison simultaneously, and
secure Phillips if possible for the oration in the forenoon. Also
will try and secure the Hutchinsons - Will you ascertain how
many friends we may expect from Boston. I have written
to Dr. Francis to come and hope he will be induced to do so.

Our Convention did not turn out well, our audience was not very
large, and Mrs Frost, the temperance Minister, ventured in and uttered
some abominable sentiments, was answered in a way that provoked
Mrs Frost and his friends. The potaberrants are all in a fever and
the Abolitionists are all sad. White took the Anti Dissolution side

of the question and evidently carried the audience with him. Douglass
and Remond attended him but they saw better of them in their
best mood. While with Cuyahoga County with him I think unless
there is something to counteract - The women struck up "No Union
with Slaveholders" you followed of the free" and sang it with all
the spirit they could muster, and I thought almost equalled the
Antislaverys - I think some of the young men who voted for
dissolution at Boston were turned about. But as to this sort of August
I hope you will rally strong from Boston and let me know
as speedily as possible. I shall write immediately to Pierpont let
me be engaged elsewhere - I do hope we shall make some money
by our celebrations, besides the impressions to be made on the minds of
the people -

I am Yours Respectfully

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